



**Skywatchers Astronomy Club To Look At  
Andromeda Galaxy In New Quarter Park Sept. 30**

**Yorktown, Sept. 19** — The NASA Skywatchers Astronomy Club and York County Parks and Recreation invite area residents to New Quarter Park to look through Club member telescopes at the Andromeda Galaxy on the evening of Saturday, Sept. 30, from 8-10 p.m.

The Andromeda Galaxy has a spiral shape similar to our own galaxy and will be well placed in the sky for observation. Although none of the brightest planets will be within view, Uranus may be visible through the largest telescopes if skies are clear. For more information about what may be seen, visit [www.skymaps.com](http://www.skymaps.com).

Stargazing Night program participants should park in the lot on the left about one-half mile beyond the park entrance. Telescopes will be set up in the field within walking distance of the parking area, so drivers should dim their lights to limit light pollution. Participants may bring glow sticks or small flashlights for use while walking from the parking lot to the telescope area. Long pants and insect repellent are recommended. Participants may bring their own binoculars, but no non-NASA Skywatchers Astronomy Club telescopes are allowed. At least six telescopes will be available for viewing and the NASA Club members will be on hand to provide instructions and answer questions.

For more information about this event, or to receive a calendar of upcoming events at New Quarter Park, call York County Parks and Recreation at 890-3500.

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**Photo caption**

The Galaxy Evolution Explorer took this photo of the Andromeda Galaxy, which should be visible to stargazers at New Quarter Park on Sept. 30. The goal of the Galaxy Evolution Explorer was to map the celestial sky and determine the history of star formation in the universe over the last 10 billion years. (*Courtesy NASA/JPL-Caltech*)